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Letter dated 10 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to bring to your attention General Assembly resolution 61/109, adopted by the Assembly on 14 December 2006. In paragraph 14 of the resolution the Assembly invited those Member States that desire to join the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation to inform the President of the Assembly of their interest before 28 February 2007. Such requests are to be considered at the sixty-second session of the Assembly.

You may know that the Republic of Belarus is the country most severely affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Last year the international conference on the theme "Chernobyl 20 years after: strategy for recovery and sustainable development of the affected regions" was held in Minsk. The Conference noted substantial experience accumulated by Belarusian experts in overcoming the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and the volume of scientific data on the impact of nuclear radiation collected and systematized by Belarusian scientists.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Belarus believes that the experience and knowledge it has accumulated would be a significant contribution to the activities of the Scientific Committee and, through its mechanisms, would better serve the interests of the peoples of the planet.

May I request that you inform all States Members of the United Nations of the interests of the Republic of Belarus in joining the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and make all necessary preparatory arrangements for the further consideration of the question of its membership on the Scientific Committee, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/109.

(*Signed*) Andrei **Dapkiunas**

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